

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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June 28, 2022

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local Lodge No. 1484, Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge 1261 N. Avalon Blvd. Wilmington, CA 90744

Re: International Association of Machinists and

Aerospace Workers, Local Lodge 1484, Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge (Europa Auto Imports, Inc. d/b/a

Mercedes-Benz of San Diego)

Case 21-CB-298401

#### Dear Sir or Madam:

REGION 21

US Court House, Spring Street

312 N Spring Street, 10th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

<u>Investigator</u>: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney ELVIRA PEREDA whose telephone number is (213)634-6512. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Deputy Regional Attorney NEIL WARHEIT whose telephone number is (213)634-6525.

<u>Right to Representation</u>: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, <u>www.nlrb.gov</u>, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

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Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

<u>Preservation of all Potential Evidence:</u> Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

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William B. Cowen Regional Director

Enclosure: Copy of Charge

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#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

#### BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS, LOCAL LODGE 1484, MACHINISTS AUTOMOTIVE TRADES DISTRICT LODGE (EUROPA AUTO IMPORTS, INC. D/B/A MERCEDES-BENZ OF SAN DIEGO)

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**Charged Party** 

and

EUROPA AUTO IMPORTS, INC. D/B/A MERCEDES-BENZ OF SAN DIEGO

**Charging Party** 

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on June 28, 2022, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local Lodge No. 1484, Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge 1261 N. Avalon Blvd. Wilmington, CA 90744

June 28, 2022	JSaenz, Designated Agent of NLRB			
Date	Name			
	/s/J&aenz			
	Signature			



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Europa Auto Imports, Inc. d/b/a Mercedes-Benz of San Diego 80 Stone Pine Road, Suite 210 Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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cc: John P. Boggs, Attorney at Law Fine, Boggs & Perkins, LLP 80 Stone Pine Road, Suite 210 Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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FORM NLRB-508 (3-21)

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION OR ITS AGENTS

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE				
Case	Date Filed			
21-CB-298401	6-27-2022			

INSTRUCTIONS: File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. LABOR ORGANIZATION OR IT	TS AGENTS A	AGAINST WHICH CHA	RGE IS BRO	UGHT	250 200 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000		
a. Name International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local Lodge 1484, Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge				b. Union Representative to contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
c. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code)  1261 Avalon Blvd., Wilimington, CA 90744			d. Tel. No. 310.835.6688 e. Cell No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		[45]		
				g. e-mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
h. The above-named labor organization has engaged in and is engaged 1(a) practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.		of the Nat	tional Labor R	elations Act	, and these unfair labor		
and/or sponsoring an unlawful and unprotected occu strike activity in the presence of bargaining unit emp	•	Employer's premise	es during a	n unlawfu	l and unprotected		
3. Name of Employer Europa Auto Imports, Inc. d/b/a Mercedes-Benz of San Diego		4a. Tel. No.	b. Cell No 415.378		c. Fax No.		
	d. e-mail jboggs@employerlawyers.com						
<ol> <li>Location of plant involved (street, city, state and ZIP code)</li> <li>4750 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111</li> </ol>			6. Employ	er represent	tative to contact		
7. Type of establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Franchised New Car Dealer	8. Identify p Sale of new and reapir	rincipal product or serv v/used vehicles and par of same	ice ts	9. Number of workers employed			
10. Full name of party filing charge Europa Auto Imports, Inc. d/b/a Mercedes-Benz of S	est parents						
11. Address of party filing charge (street, city, state and ZIP code) 80 Stone Pine Road, Suite 210		11a. Tel. No. 650-712-8908	b. Cell No. 415.378.3150		c. Fax No. 650.712.1712		
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019	d. e-mail jboggs@employe	e-mail oggs@employerlawyers.com					
12. DECLARATION  I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements				Tel. No. 650-712-8908			
are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  John P. Boggs, Attorney			Cell No. 415-378.3150				
(signature of representative or person making charge) (Print/type name and title or office, if any)					Fax No. 650-712.1712		
Address 80 Stone Pine Road, Suite 210, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 Date June 27, 2022				e-mail jboggs@employerlawyers.com			

### WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001) PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information may cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.